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Remarks

Claims 1-12 have been allowed.

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution to have the allowed claims considered in light of additional art.

Such references are cited in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement presented herewith.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at (509) 624 4276 on Monday-Friday between 8-5 (PST).

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Respectfully submitted,

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